

Testimony
House Bill 1385 – Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman
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Chairman Weisz, members of the committee, I am Dr. Brendan Joyce, Administrator of Pharmacy Services for the Department of Human Services, providing testimony regarding House Bill 1385.

The 2007 Legislature, through House Bill No. 1422, asked the Drug Use Review (DUR) Board to review the utilization, cost, and effectiveness of the drugs identified in subsection 3 of section 50-24.6-04, and make recommendations for managing the utilization of the identified drugs or any other drugs for the conditions identified in that subsection. Their recommendations were provided to the Legislative Council in October 2008. See [Attachment 1](#).

The classes of medications account for 46% of total drug spend. Please see the chart below for August through October 2008 expenditures.

Drug Class	Amount Spent	% of Total Drug Spend
Antipsychotics	\$1,294,263	16.4%
Mood Stabilizers	\$912,278	11.6%
ADHD	\$766,556	9.9%
Antidepressants	\$478,762	6.1%
Oncology	\$114,706	1.5%
HIV/AIDS	\$32,959	0.4%
Total		45.9%

I would be happy to answer any questions.